

THE FOREST IN THE SKY

SB - 6 and 7

WORK IT OUT Complete the sentences from *The forest in the sky* with the correct adverbs of degree.

- 1 Sounds _____ impossible!
- 2 Stefano Boeri has created a _____ new approach to designing buildings.
- 3 Boeri's team have found a _____ green answer to these problems.

Glossary

architect (n) someone whose job is to design buildings
environmentally friendly (adj) something designed not to harm the natural environment
vertical (adj) standing, pointing or moving straight up

Where in the world can you live on the top floor of a 111-meter high-rise building, near the center of a **lively** city, but still have breakfast under a tree on your balcony? Sounds almost impossible! Well, not if you live in the Bosco Verticale (vertical forest) buildings in Milan, Italy. Architect Stefano Boeri has created a completely new approach to designing buildings.

Like many big cities, Milan is **noisy** and **polluted**.

It's hot in the summer and in the city center the green spaces are usually fairly crowded. But Boeri's team have found a very green answer to these problems.

Almost 900 trees grow high above Milan on the balconies of **modern** buildings. The trees keep the apartments cool in summer and warm in winter. They also produce oxygen, which keeps the air **clean**. The buildings are so quiet because the trees and plants stop the noise from the people and traffic in the streets below. Bosco Verticale is really convenient for the city's stores, services and transportation, it's **attractive**, and it's environmentally friendly. So, will there be more buildings like this in the future? Well, possibly. The architects want to build a new forest city in China and the Netherlands, but there is one more problem to solve. Buildings like this are extremely expensive. At 65 million euros, Bosco Verticale cost 5 percent more to build than a normal high-rise building. But if we want to live in cool, quiet cities with clean air, it will be worth the cost.

A Choose the correct adverb of degree. Then insert the adverb in the correct place.

- 1 There are some tall buildings in Dubai – some of them are more than 100 meters high! (*fairly* / *extremely*)
- 2 The movie was good but I wouldn't watch it again. (*fairly* / *very*)
- 3 The builders are friendly. They talk to us all the time. (*almost* / *really*)
- 4 The children are excited about going to the zoo next week. (*so* / *almost*)
- 5 We won the soccer game, but the other team scored a goal in the last minute. (*completely* / *almost*)
- 6 Jack has changed since I last saw him. (*fairly* / *completely*)



A Put the words in order to make sentences.

- 1 have / they / completely / new / a / designed / building / apartment

They have designed a completely new apartment building.

- 2 this / extremely / area / expensive / an / is

- 3 is / park / on / Sundays / crowded / so / the

- 4 cars / move / slowly / city / the / in / very

- 5 polluted / is / in / it / places / some / fairly

- 6 ready / am / move / to / I / almost

- 7 is / really / there / beautiful / park / a / here / near